

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 12, 13, and 14, as follows. The claims have been listed consistent with Section 1.121 of the MPEP.

1. (Currently Amended)

A track for a toy vehicle having a plurality of connectable segments, each of said segments comprising:

an upper layer having a top side for supporting the [[a]] toy vehicle and a bottom side;

a lower layer spaced apart from said upper layer;

a pivot pin vertically disposed on a forwardly projecting tongue attached to one of said upper and lower layers;

a rearwardly disposed crossbar adapted to receive said pivot pin of a separate yet immediate rearwardly adjacent segment; and

forwardly projecting prongs adapted to engage said bottom side of a separate yet immediate forwardly adjacent segment,

wherein friction between said prongs and said bottom side of said separate forwardly adjacent segment deters free relative motion between[[adjacent of]] said separate yet immediate segments.

2. (Original) A track for a toy vehicle according to Claim 1, further comprising a notch formed in a forward edge of said crossbar adapted to receive said pivot pin of an adjacent of said segments.

3. (Original) A track for a toy vehicle according to Claim 1, said tongue further comprising:
an upper tongue portion projecting from said upper layer; and
a lower tongue portion projecting from said lower layer aligned opposite said upper tongue portion,
wherein said pivot pin projects from one of said upper tongue portion and lower tongue portion and wherein said crossbar is adapted to be secured between said upper tongue portion and lower tongue portion.
4. (Original) A track for a toy vehicle according to Claim 3, further comprising projections formed on the other of said upper tongue portion and lower tongue portion opposite and on either side of said pivot pin.
5. (Original) A track for a toy vehicle according to Claim 1, said prongs having a flat upper surface for engaging said bottom side of said upper layer of said adjacent segment.
6. (Original) A track for a toy vehicle according to Claim 1, further comprising a pair of raised flanges projecting upward from said top side spaced apart to form a channel.
7. (Original) A track for a toy vehicle according to Claim 6, wherein said channel is disposed over said tongue.

8. (Original) A track for a toy vehicle according to Claim 7, further comprising a pre-assembled track portion made of a plurality of connected segments.
9. (Original) A track for a toy vehicle according to Claim 6, said flanges further comprising:
a substantially vertical portion projecting from said top side of said track; and
a substantially horizontal portion projecting over said channel.
10. (Original) A track for a toy vehicle according to Claim 9, said flanges being made of a resilient material, wherein when a retaining knob from a toy vehicle is forcibly disposed into said channel, said flanges are pushed apart to allow the retaining knob into said channel and snap back to secure the retaining knob in said channel.
11. (Original) A track for a toy vehicle according to Claim 1, further comprising side supports projecting from the sides of at least one of said segments, wherein said track is supportable above a planar surface at said side supports.
12. (Currently amended) A track for a toy vehicle according to Claim 1, further comprising a cutout formed in a rearward portion of each of said segments forward of the crossbar adapted to receive a tongue from a separate yet immediate rearward adjacent segment,
wherein said tongue of said rearward adjacent segment can pivot up and down within said cutout.

13. (Currently Amended) A track for a toy vehicle according to claim 6, comprising: a toy vehicle comprising ~~A toy vehicle for use with a track according to Claim 6, comprising:~~

a base;

wheels adapted to contact said top side of said track to allow said vehicle to roll on said track; and

a retaining knob projecting from an underside of said base forcibly disposable in said channel,

wherein when said retaining knob is forcibly disposed in said channel, said vehicle is retained on said track substantially regardless of angle of inclination or curvature of said track.

14. (Currently Amended) A combination track and toy vehicle, comprising:

a track having a plurality of segments, each segment having:

an upper layer having a top side for supporting the ~~the~~ toy vehicle and a bottom side;

a lower layer spaced apart from said upper layer;

a pivot pin vertically disposed on a forwardly projecting tongue attached to one of said upper and lower layers; and

a rearwardly disposed crossbar adapted to receive said pivot pin of a separate yet immediate rearwardly adjacent segment; and

a pair of raised flanges projecting upward from said top side spaced apart to form a channel;

and

Said [[a]] toy vehicle engageable with said track, having:

a base;

wheels adapted to contact said top side of said track to allow said vehicle to roll on said track; and

a retaining knob projecting from an underside of said base forcibly disposable in said channel,

wherein when said retaining knob is forcibly disposed in said channel, said vehicle is retained on said track substantially regardless of angle of inclination or curvature of said track.

15. (Original) A combination track and toy vehicle according to Claim 14, said flanges further comprising:

a substantially vertical portion projecting from said top side of said track; and

a substantially horizontal portion projecting over said channel.

16. (Original) A combination track and toy vehicle according to Claim 15, said flanges being made of a resilient material, wherein when said retaining knob is forcibly disposed into said channel, said flanges are pushed apart to allow said retaining knob into said channel and snap back to secure said retaining knob in said channel.

17. (Original) A combination track and toy vehicle according to Claim 14, further comprising a cutout formed in a rearward portion of each of said segments forward of the crossbar adapted to receive a tongue from a rearward adjacent segment,

wherein said tongue of said rearward adjacent segment can pivot up and down within said

cutout.